Software Underground

Board Meeting

30 January 2024

Minutes are recorded in green.

Agenda

We will start at 16.00 UTC on Tuesday 30 Jan 2024. Quorum is 5.

Chair: Matt

Regrets: Santi

Present: Dieter, Jo, Matteo, Sissi

Visiting:

Previous meeting

Previous meeting minutes are on GitHub:
https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board

Remarks

- **None**

10 years!

Swung will be 10 years old on 15 July this year. Amazing.

Throwback softwareunderground - Google Groups

Remarks

- **None**

Mattermost

The Mattermost transition seems complete! Woot.

The documentation for the instance is here [GitHub - softwareunderground/mattermost: mattermost.softwareunderground.org](#)

Outstanding items:

- Need to ask JK about invoicing
- Still not really using the GitHub issues
- Connect with Jørgen K and Santi in a meeting to review items in November minutes https://github.com/softwareunderground/swung-org/blob/main/board/2024-11-28.pdf

Remarks:

- **Dieter pointed out the current docs**

Mastodon

We agreed to start a conversation in Mattermost about Mastodon to try and kindle some Swung conversation over there. We can review next time.

I've seen some conversation about Bluesky, but not a lot. Anyone else?

Remarks:

- **No, no-one on Bluesky**

Financial note

Matt paid the BIRS grants personally because Swung was unable to wire to foreign bank accounts [(see October minutes)](#), and these were recorded as a director loan because Swung could not pay him back -- for the same reason. But then he had the brainwave to pay himself with a customer-to-customer transfer, which RBC allows... and this worked! So the debt is cleared.

Remarks:

- **Matteo is now in Lunenburg.**
- **Matt to introduce Matteo to bank and bookkeeper**
- **Goal is to transfer signing authority to Matteo ASAP**

Events

We committed to look again at Transform. I am starting to wonder if it might be easier to pull off a series of tutorials, instead of clustering them. We did try this before (Rendezvous), but maybe we double down on the streaming aspect this time, rather than the live/discussion aspect.

The topic of AI seems unavoidable in 2024. We could start there?

Suggestions to avoid EGU (April 14-19) and EAGE Digital in Paris (25 to 27 March).

Remarks:

- **We will poll the community to see if there's interest in this, and/or volunteers to take one on**
- **Matt: probably at least half of those who were up for T23 would be up for it**
- **Jo wrote a nice blog post about her perspective: https://ultrazool.gitlab.io/blog/post/industrial_ai/**

Next meeting

Tuesday 27 February at 16.00 UTC.

Remarks:

- **None**

Any other business

None.

Remarks:

- **None**

Parking lot / next meeting

These items will go into the next board meeting(s):

- We still need to update the tech spreadsheet: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mNAGEgQNvfZem5zY38u9etn2O0aFWbE2zJLcMEdiL4Y/edit?usp=sharing

- Check the status of receipt for Swung membership/donations (so it can potentially be deducted / charged to the employer like the membership of other professional societies).